

operator's license that we have today. I remember, I will tell you a little bit of a story about my father-in-law who lost his driver's license because he had a little skirmish out by the mail box at their rural farm and the family had wondered who was going to be the one to tell him that he could no longer drive. But the patrol did it for him, for us. And he lived another ten years or more after that and to his dying day he was looking for a cornea transplant or something so that he could get his driver's license back. So I fully realize how it affects the elderly when they can no longer drive. But I am sure you all remember incidents. I know an elderly gentleman, I believe it was at Gibbon, Nebraska, did not see the train and he met a horrible death, of course. Several other elderly people have had fatal accidents on the highways because they could not see or could not hear. So I just feel so strongly about this because I think in another ten years or less I will be facing that same problem and I hope that somebody has sense enough to tell me or that I find out from a test that I can no longer...I no longer have the capability to drive that automobile, and for my own good and for the public's good and for those who are out on the road with me that I will not be able to drive when I no longer can pass the test or no longer can function at the level that I need to function to be out in this. It is not a little playpen deal. It is a very serious thing. And in Omaha, Nebraska, I don't know how you could drive to the grocery store without being in heavy traffic and need a lot of expertise to drive. Maybe out in Axtell, Nebraska, or Blue Hill or Red Cloud or some of the towns that aren't quite so traffic oriented that you could get by with it. So I oppose even the amendment that is before us because I think it perhaps hits the wrong group of people, the ones that should be able to take the test and should know how to drive and the ones that perhaps have the hardest time hearing and seeing. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have been asked to announce that there is no doctor of the day here so please don't get sick today. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I considered Senator Hoagland's amendment to the committee amendments and